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1. Reminded [] that I had not yet heard from [] concerning my request that he contact me about job possibilities for Mr. []

2. At Mr. Dulles' request have asked Larry Houston to develop a brief paper concerning The Attorney General's ruling on WOC employees. Larry says that we have been careful to insure that our consultants have been "advisory" only and that he does not think we will be affected seriously.

3. Have asked [] to develop a staff study on our tax problem. This study should be coordinated with the DD/P area prior to submission to the Director.

4. Have talked to Mr. Kennedy of the "Washington Star" on two occasions with regard to an article which the "Star" is doing about the proposed location of our building at Langley. I understand that it will be a full-page spread in the Sunday paper.

6. General Cabell has advised me that after considering the papers having to do with the "fast pouch service" he is satisfied that the delay in communicating with our overseas stations is not in the transit time from registry to registry, but, rather, in the "handling processes" prior to dispatch from and receipt by a registry. He has directed that Mr. [] undertake a study of this situation without delay.

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7. Hart Perry telephoned to ask several questions concerning the building prior to a "Director's Review" on our Fiscal Year 1957 Budget. Told him that we hoped to settle the site question shortly after 15 December but frankly did not know what we would do if we received an adverse report on Langley. Also told him that we were trying to work out a mutually satisfactory arrangement with the General Services Administration and said I was hopeful that we could do so. He wanted to know if I thought we would have some preliminary

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sketches within 30 to 45 days after the site was selected. I told him I thought we could. I also told him that we estimated it would take 9 to 12 months to develop detailed plans and specifications and two years to complete construction. He estimated that we would be ready to move into our new structure on 9 April 1959. He also asked for a report on the status of our 1290 D programs. I asked General [] to fill him in on this. Hart said that they had contacts in Hollister's office in ICA and Gordon Gray's office in Defense and thought that they could be of assistance in working out some of the financial problems which would be generated by these programs.

8. Walter Pforzheimer will shortly be moving to a room in "M" Building.

9. Arranged to have all DD/S Offices brief Norman Paul at 9:00 a.m. each morning starting on Monday, 5 December.

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10. Interviewed and was well impressed with Mr. [] who is leaving to become the Senior Finance Officer in []

11. At the DD/P Staff Meeting the status of 1290 D planning was discussed briefly. At present 18 country plans are being worked up. The Operations Coordinating Board has noted them with approval and, presumably, the National Security Council will do so too. There are 17 other country plans which carry a fairly high priority, 13 in a priority slightly lower, and an additional 12 with still lower priorities. The Director has written a policy paper as to what CIA's role should be and General [] will send me a copy of it. In general, however, he feels that the overt programs should not be undertaken by us. The development of FBI-type assets should be a CIA responsibility with the development of normal police organizations being outside of this scope generally. If, however, such activities are undertaken covertly, then CIA would probably be responsible. No decision has been made as yet on a point of coordination for these programs.

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12. Talked to [] about the space situation again. He and Frank are going to talk to Shef sometime next week. It seems probable that they will not insist that the Office of Security move. I have emphasized to Dick the necessity of making some decision on this soon.

13. Talked to Paul Watt of the National Capital Regional Planning Council and agreed with him that unless I heard to the contrary Mr. Garrison, Mr. [] and I would be at the Hearing on Monday at 2:00 p.m.

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16. On 30 November General Bragdon, Advisor to the President on Construction, telephoned to inquire as to the status of our building. He was interested in both the progress which had been made in connection with the selection of a site and in our difficulties with the General Services Administration. I told him that we had expressed our preference for the Langley site and that the National Capital Planning Commission had this proposal under consideration; further, that we expected to have word from them which would enable us to make a decision with regard to Langley shortly after their 15 December meeting. With regard to our GSA problem, I told him that Mr. Strobel's departure had created an atmosphere in which we could negotiate with GSA, that we were trying to work out a satisfactory arrangement with them, and that I, personally, thought we would be able to do so. In the course of our conversation he said he saw no reason why a completely cooperative situation should not obtain and that generally speaking they should defer to us on functional arrangements, etc., and we should defer to them on structural technicalities. I agreed to keep him advised of progress made on either the site selection or the actual construction. H 25X1A9A

25X1A9A 17. [redacted] told me of a conversation which he had had recently with Mr. Long, Chief Auditor at the General Accounting Office. GAO undoubtedly is getting some pressure from Congress due to the fact that CIA confidential funds are not subject to their audit. Long very informally, and completely off the record, states that GAO has no interest in auditing our funds but is unable to give outsiders any real assurance that our funds are properly audited inasmuch as they do not know our auditors very well. They know General [redacted], of course, but regard him as a "finance officer" rather than an "auditor." Bob thought that in anticipation of General [redacted] departure sometime we might be smart to get a very well known and well qualified auditor in whom the General Accounting Office does have great confidence to take his place. There is real merit in this thought and I should pursue it. H

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